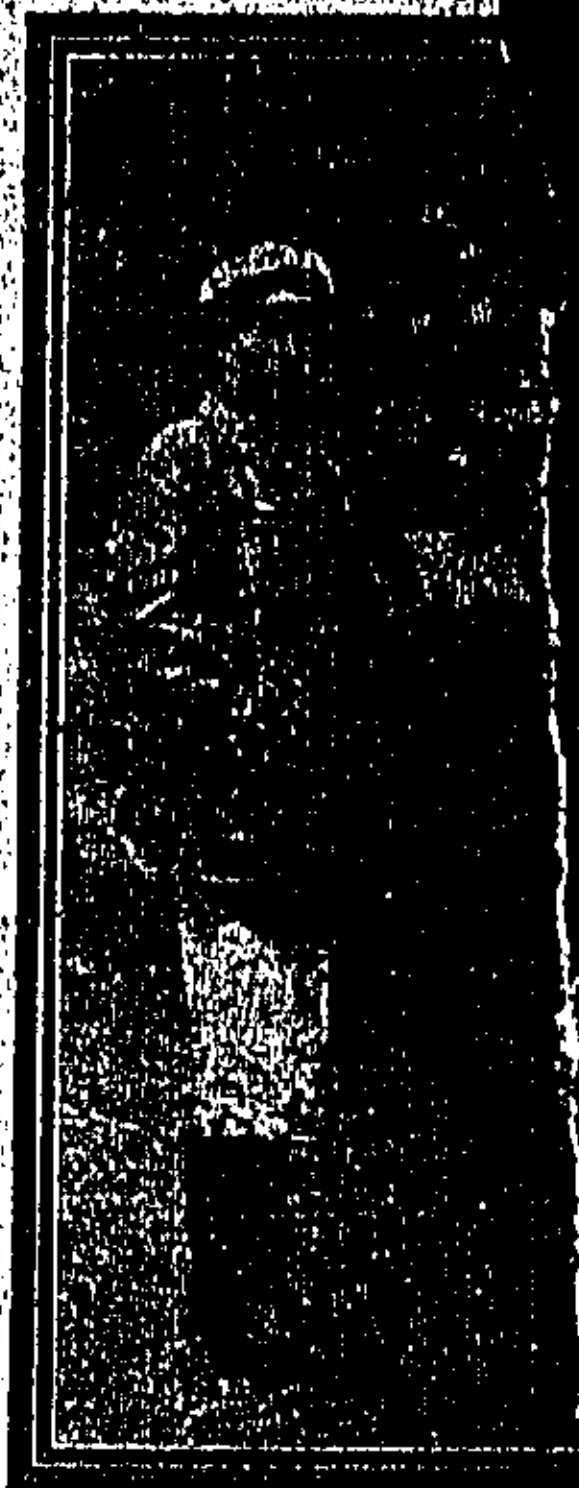




SHANGHAI'S FRENCH VOLUNTEER FIRE BRIGADE.—Members of the "Le Torrent" Company at the annual Chinese Inter-Station Competition, held at Koukaza Gardens, Shanghai.



FRENCH FIREMEN.—Brun (second from the left) at the annual Chinese Inter-Station Competition, held by the Chinese Inter-Station Competition.



WEDDING BELLS AT SHANGHAI GERMAN CHURCH.—Last week Miss Frieda Reiber, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fr. Reiber, was married to Mr. Kurt Dietrich. Our group was taken at the home of the bride, 133 Avenue Road, Shanghai, after the wedding ceremony.

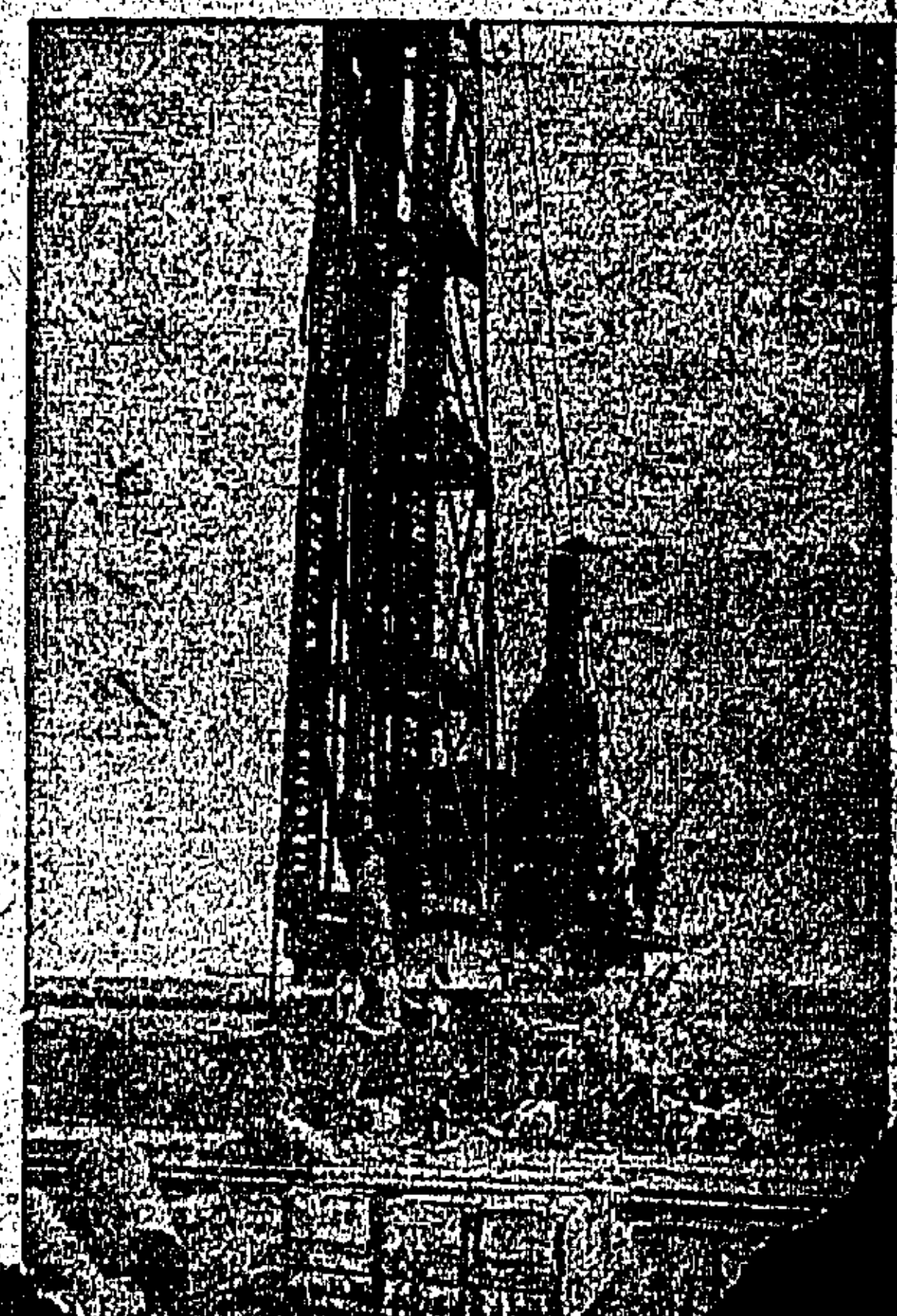


DUST EXPLODES.—Whilst this threshing machine was at work, there was a sudden explosion of dust inside the machine, which was demolished.

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Ice House Street, and Beaconsfield Arcade.

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JEWISH WEDDING.—At the Ohel Rachel Synagogue, Shanghai, on June 9, Miss Annie Sopher was married to Mr. Sassoon A. Saleh. Group shows the bride and bridegroom with little attendants.



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Hongkong, 29th, June, 1926.

It is but rarely nowadays that a
ship comes into collision with an
iceberg, as recently happened to
the California off the Newfoundland
coast. This immunity is
largely due to a very efficient or-
ganisation of ice patrols. From
March to August, during the whole
of the danger period in the North
Atlantic, when melting icebergs
drift slowly south across the ship-
ping routes, two small vessels,
turn about, are constantly patrol-
ling northwards of the traffic
lanes. They chart and broad-
cast the position and probable
drift of all large bergs encountered,
receiving at the same time the
course of all vessels in the area,
to whom ample warning of any
danger can be given. The ice
patrol is the direct outcome of the
Titanic disaster, and is subsidised
by 14 nations, the United States
Coast Guard providing the actual
patrol boats.

THE NEW MESSIAH.

A PROTEST AT HOME.

The following letter has been
written to the Editor of *The Daily
Chronicle*:

Sir,—It is announced that in
the course of the next few
days Mrs. Annie Besant (president
of the Theosophical Society) will
arrive in this country from India,
accompanied by Krishnamurti, the
young Hindu, who has been
heralded as the "New World
Teacher" of Messianic rank.

My purpose in writing this let-
ter is not to advertise this event,
but to draw attention to certain
facts associated with the career of
the young man whose anticipated
coming to this country was an-
nounced by Mrs. Besant to a crowd-
ed audience at the Queen's Hall
last year.

I, no more than anyone else who
knows anything of Mrs. Besant's
life of self-sacrifice and social re-
form, would wish for a moment to
question her sincerity in this mat-
ter or her implicit belief that
Krishnamurti is "the chosen
vehicle" of a divine message.

But in the public interests, and
in the interests, too, of the many
good and devout Theosophists in
this country, I desire to recall
some facts that have been publish-
ed in relation to the "World
Teacher" who comes to the coun-
try under the responsible sponsor-
ship of Mrs. Besant.

"Bishop's" Influence.

Several years ago Mrs. Besant
became the guardian of Krish-
namurti (or Krishnaji) and his
younger brother (since dead). In
1912 the father of these two boys
brought an action in the Madras
High Court to annul Mrs. Besant's
guardianship of his two sons, on
the ground that they were under
the evil influence of the so-called
"Bishop" Leadbeater, against
whom, in 1906, the British branch
of the Theosophical Society made
certain charges, an investigation
into which resulted in his being
called upon to resign his member-
ship.

Charges of a similar nature were
again made against Leadbeater—
in connection with the Madras
High Court proceedings. As to
the course and sequel of the trial,
"Truth" stated the following in
its issue of November 4 last:—

Mrs. Besant took the precau-
tion before the trial of sending
the two boys, whose evidence
was, of course, material, out of
India. In the absence of these
witnesses the judge found that
the offence alleged was not
established, but added that, on
his own admissions, Lead-
beater held opinions which were
"certainly immoral, and such as
to unfit him to be the tutor of
boys, and rendered him a highly
dangerous associate for chil-
dren." Mrs. Besant was accord-
ingly ordered to bring the two
boys back to India.

Preparing for Reincarnation.
In the same article from which
I have quoted the above "Truth"
stated:—

One of these boys was the
young man who is now intro-
duced to the world by Mrs. Be-
sant as the coming Messiah.
For the last few years he has
been under the tutelage of
Leadbeater in Australia, ostensi-
bly undergoing the preparation
for the reincarnation of
Krishna-Christ in his person.

During that period fresh
charges of immorality against
Leadbeater were investigated by
the Sydney police, with the re-
sult that the precise details nec-
essary for a successful prosecu-
tion were found to be lacking.
Judging from the evidence, the
decision can only have been
based on technicalities which
can have very little bearing on
the merits, or demerits, of the
case, in view of Leadbeater's
previous record, and the judg-
ment of Mr. Justice Bakewell at
Madras.

Disreputable Gang.

There has never been any at-
tempt to controvert these facts
in relation to Krishnamurti, nor,
indeed, to reply to other allega-
tions that have been publicly made
in connection with Leadbeater and
other members of what "Truth"
has described as a disreputable
gang of men into whose hands,
in his later years, Mrs. Besant has
unconsciously fallen.

I think it necessary also to re-
call the fact, on the eve of Krish-
namurti's arrival in England, that
at the last meeting of the National
Council of the Theosophical So-
ciety in England a number of mem-
bers, and one complete lodge, with-
drew from membership owing to

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local
share quotations issued to-day:—

Banks.
Hongkong, \$1,130. s.
Chartered, \$20. b.
Mercantile A. and B., \$304. n.
Mercantile C., \$134. n.
P. and O., \$294. n.
East Asia, \$83. n.

Marine Ins.
Canton Ins., \$540. b.
China Underwriters, \$1,800. b.
North China, Tls. 145. n.
Unions, \$285. n.
Yangtze, \$374. b.

Fire Ins.
China Fires, \$200. b.
Hongkong Fire, \$585. b.

Shipping
Douglases, \$244. n.
Steamboats, \$264. b.
Tugs, \$24. n.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) \$46. n.
Shell Trans., \$24. n.
Star Ferries, \$664. b.
Waterboats, \$15. n.

Refineries.
China Sugars, \$244. b.
Malabons, \$34. ss.

Mining.
Benguets, \$1,50. b.
Kallans, 41/- ex. div.
Langkats, Tls. 23. s.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 5.25. n.
Shanghai Loans, Tls. 7. n.
Raubs, \$5.00. n.
Tronohs, 65/- n.
Ural Caspians, 8/- n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1214. ss.
Whampoa Docks, \$544. b.
Hongkows, Tls. 170. s.
New Engineerings, Tls. 52. b.
Shanghai Docks Tls. 105. b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$10.75. b.
H.K. Lands, \$65. b.
Realty, \$5.90. b.
Territorials, \$5. n.
Developments, 20 cents.
Humphreys, \$14. b.
Princes Bldgs, \$95. n.
Rural Lands, \$44. s.

Cottons.
Ewos Cottons, 9.25. s.
Orientals, Tls. 2.70. n.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 53. n.

Buses, Trams, etc.
China Buses, \$104. b.
Tramways, \$24. s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$164. b.
Spore Tractions, 12/- s.
Taxis, \$4. s.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$114. n.
Canton Ices, \$74. n.
Cements (Comb.), \$14. n.
China Lights, \$22. n.
China Prov., \$6.05. ss.
Constructions, \$24. n.
Dairy Farms, \$18.50. n.
Der A. Wing, \$6. s.
H.K. Electric, \$67. b.
Macao Electric, \$35. b.
Ropes (Comb.), \$29. s.
Lane Crawfords, \$9. n.
Mackintosh, \$194. n.
Sinceres, \$11. n.
United Asbestos, \$20. n.
Watsons, \$13. n.
Powells, \$64. b.

RIVER LEVELS.

BOARD OF CONSERVANCY
RETURNS.

The latest returns issued by the
Board of Conservancy works of
Kwangtung shows the water
levels at the various ports on June
28th to be:—
Shiuhing Plus 29.7 ft.
Tsingyuen 12.6 ft.
Samsui nil
Sheklung 6.5 ft.

the English section having identi-
fied itself with Mrs. Besant's new
"World Religion."
Then, too, the Czech-Slovakian
Theosophists have broken away
from the parent body "owing to
resented proclamations relating to
the next incarnation of the Christ
into the body of Krishnamurti,
the nomination of Apostles, &c."
It may, perhaps, be of signi-
ficance that Mrs. Besant and those
accompanying her have abandon-
ed an intended tour in Czech-
Slovakia, Italy, and other coun-
tries coming instead direct to Eng-
land.

On the eve of their arrival, and
in view of the interest it is bound
to awaken, I think it my duty
to call the attention of your readers
to the facts stated above.
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POST OFFICE NOTICE.

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liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded
by parcel only.

Wireless Service between Hongkong and Canton resumed.

REGISTRATION FEE FOR LOCAL LETTERS.

On and after the 1st July, 1926, the registration fee for Local letters
will be 10 cents.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Manila	Pres. Jefferson	July 2.
Manila	Pres. Pierce	July 2.
Europe via Negapatam (papers only)		
London (3rd June)	Akita Maru	July 4.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. Monroe	July 5.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Grant	July 5.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and S'hai	Pres. Taft	July 5.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Date.
Amoy and Foochow	Haihong, Fri., July 2, 9 a.m.
Saigon and Bangkok	Kohso Maru, Fri., July 2, 10.30 a.m.
Cebu	Colorado, Fri., July 2, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	West Niger, Fri., July 2, 10.30 a.m.
Sandakan	Mausang, Fri., July 2, 12.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Linnan, Fri., July 2, 5 p.m.
Amoy, Japan, Canada, U.S.A.,	Kwangchow, Fri., July 2, 5 p.m.
C. and S. America and Europe via	
Victoria, B.C.	Pres. Jefferson, Sat., July 3.

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada,	Parcels	noon.
U.S.A., C. and S. America and	Registration	2.45 p.m.
Europe via San Francisco and	Letters	3.30 p.m.
Europe via Siberia (letters and		
postcards specially superscribed		
"via Siberia" only)		
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Pres. Pierce, Sat., July 3.	
Straits and Calcutta	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
		(Due San Francisco 28th July.)
		(Due Vancouver 29th July.)
		(Due Marseilles 7th August.)

Amoy	Sinking	Mon., July 5, 5 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Monroe	Mon., July 5, 5 p.m.
Saigon, Ceylon, Mauritius, L.		
Marques, E. and S. Africa, Aden,		
Egypt and Europe via Marseilles		
Haihong	Mingsang	Wed., July 7, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Kwongsang	Wed., July 7, 10.30 a.m.
Manila	Pres. Grant	Wed., July 7, 8.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Saochow	Wed., July 7, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Nanning	Thurs., July 8, 2.30 p.m.
Japan	Hosang	Thurs., July 8, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.		
and S. America and Europe via		
Vancouver, B.C.	Emp. of Canada	Fri., July 9.

Manila	Parcels	9 a.m.
Shanghai	Registration	9.15 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, L.	Letters	10.30 a.m.
Marques, E. and S. Africa, Egypt		
and Europe via Marseilles		
Wellswell	Huichow	Sat., July 10, 2.30 p.m.
Shanghai	Suiyung	Sat., July 10, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Yatsing	Wed., July 14, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Laisang	Sat., July 17.
	Parcels	noon.
	Registration	1.15 p.m.
	Letters	1.30 p.m.
		(Sat., July 24, 5 p.m.)

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

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The fifth annual meeting of the
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and Construction Co., Ltd.
was held in Powell's Building, Des
Voeux Road, Central, yesterday
afternoon.

Before the formal business
opened, Mr. Carl E. Shank said
that in view of the relationship
existing between their former
chairman and the present one, he
would like to take the opportunity
of referring with deep sorrow to
the death of the Hon. Mr. C. Mon-
tagne Ede. He continued:

As you are all aware, Mr. C.
Montagne Ede was, up to the time
of his decease, the Chairman of
this Company and, for several
years its keen supporter and a
large part of the success the Com-
pany has enjoyed during the last
few years is due to the beneficial
services rendered by him. The
late Mr. Ede's public activities are
so well known to you all that they
need not be mentioned here.

The Company is, however, in no
small degree compensated for such
a great loss by its good fortune
in having the late Mr. Ede's son as
its present chairman, and it is
most sincerely hoped that he will
remain permanently in the Colony
to carry on the work started by
his father. The sympathy of this
meeting is extended to the bereav-
ed family.

The Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, Mr. B. Montagne
Ede said:—The result of the year's
working is once more very satis-
factory, which, I am sure you will
agree, is very gratifying indeed in
view of the unsettled trade con-
ditions prevailing during practically
the entire period in review.

You will notice from the balance
sheet that at the close of the
preceding year, ending March 31,
1925, \$226,895.43 was carried for-
ward after a bonus to staff and a
dividend of 15 per cent on the or-
dinary shares had been paid. This
year's working has proved
satisfactory, and your Directors
have decided to declare a 20 per
cent dividend on the ordinary
shares.

Your Directors feel justified in
recommending such a large divi-
dend on account of the results
that have been obtained this year
and the comparatively large re-
serve that has been carried for-
ward in previous years.

The above dividend of 20 per cent
in respect of the partly paid or-
dinary shares is being capitalized
and used in part payment of a call
of \$50 per share which is neces-
sary to meet certain obligations
of the Company. It will be seen
therefore that this dividend does
not deplete the Company's re-
serve by as much as would have
been the case under ordinary cir-
cumstances.

Piling Operations.

The net working profit for the year
has amounted to \$207,276.87. Of
this profit, \$97,717.32 has been ab-
sorbed in providing for deprecia-
tion on the Company's invest-
ments and plant, etc., and provid-
ing for a special financing fee on
equipment, which leaves a net pro-
fit to the Profit and Loss Account
of \$139,559.55.

After a dividend of 20 per cent
and the bonus to staff are paid,
there will be \$79,558.35 to carry
forward, which when added to the
profits carried forward last year,
will make a total sum carried for-
ward this year amounting to \$908,
45.78.

During the period in review, the
Company's piling operations under
the Raymond system have been
very satisfactory. The piling con-
tracts undertaken have been exe-
cuted to the satisfaction of our

clients and the company has had
the pleasure of receiving letters
of commendation from clients on
the speed, efficiency and satisfac-
tory manner in which these con-
tracts have been executed.

It is only to be anticipated that
the Raymond system of cast-in-
place piling will become more and
more popular throughout the Far
East until this system replaces
many of the less efficient and
economical piling methods now be-
ing used locally and elsewhere.

Kowloon Tong Scheme.

The contract with the Kowloon
Tong Company have proved to be a
heavy burden on the company dur-
ing the year. A great many sub-
scribers, for one reason or an-
other, have found it inconvenient
to pay the calls on their houses as
they became due, and in con-
sequence early in the year the
funds of the Kowloon Tong Com-
pany became depleted.

When certain materials became
exhausted, and the Kowloon Tong
Company could no longer prompt-
ly meet labour payments, our
company, as the general labour
contractors for the scheme, had
one of two alternatives, either to
carry on the work in progress or
to completely shut down the work.

To close down work on a scheme
as large as the Kowloon Tong
project is quite a serious matter
both for the clients and for the
contractors and would cause a
substantial financial loss to all
concerned.

After much consideration, and
at the request of the Directors
of the Kowloon Tong Co., it was
decided that we carry the neces-
sary burden to keep the work in
progress, and the result has been
that up to the present moment our
company has a substantial part of
its funds invested in the Scheme.

Other Work.

A contract was secured by the
Company on a competitive basis
for building the Began Hill
reservoir, which is to supply water
to the Kowloon Tong Estate. This
reservoir has long been com-
pleted, but no payment in pursu-
ance to this work has yet been
made.

In addition to these difficulties,
the Government, who are doing
the levelling of the site, are long
overdue on the agreed time for
completing this work, which has
caused the general construction
work even before the strike, to
be carried on in a piece-meal and
uneconomical manner.

This, of course, has absorbed
the profit on the general labour
contract which would have been
available had the original scheme
for mass production been carried
out. A good many of the subscri-
bers now realize the great assis-
tance this company has been to
the whole scheme and many are
doing their best to meet their
obligations promptly.

It is to be hoped that this
attitude will continue, as your
Directors feel that, without the co-
operation of subscribers, and
prompt fulfilment of contract on
the part of the Kowloon Tong Com-
pany, this Company is no longer
justified in nursing the Kowloon
Tong Scheme financially as it has
done in the past.

Directors Elected.

Mr. Chau Yue-teng proposed
that Mr. B. Montagne Ede, Mr.
Charles L. Shank, Mr. Li Yau-
tsun, Mr. Chan Pek-chun, Mr.
Edward D. Shank, Mr. Carl E.
Shank and Mr. Chau Yue-teng be
re-elected Directors. This was
seconded by Mr. C. L. Shank and
carried.

Mr. C. B. Shank moved, and Mr.
Chau Yue-teng seconded, that
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and
Mathews, be re-elected auditors of
the Company and this was carried.

Mr. C. L. Shank moved, and Mr.
Chan Pek-chun seconded that
\$2,500 be paid as bonus to the
staff, and this was also carried.



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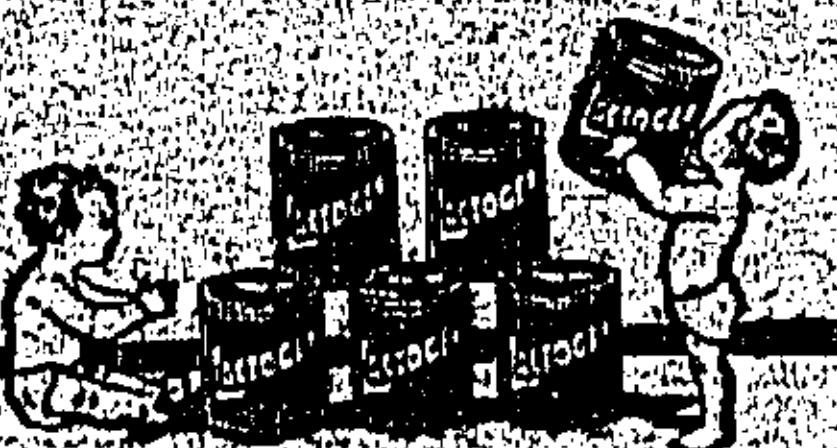
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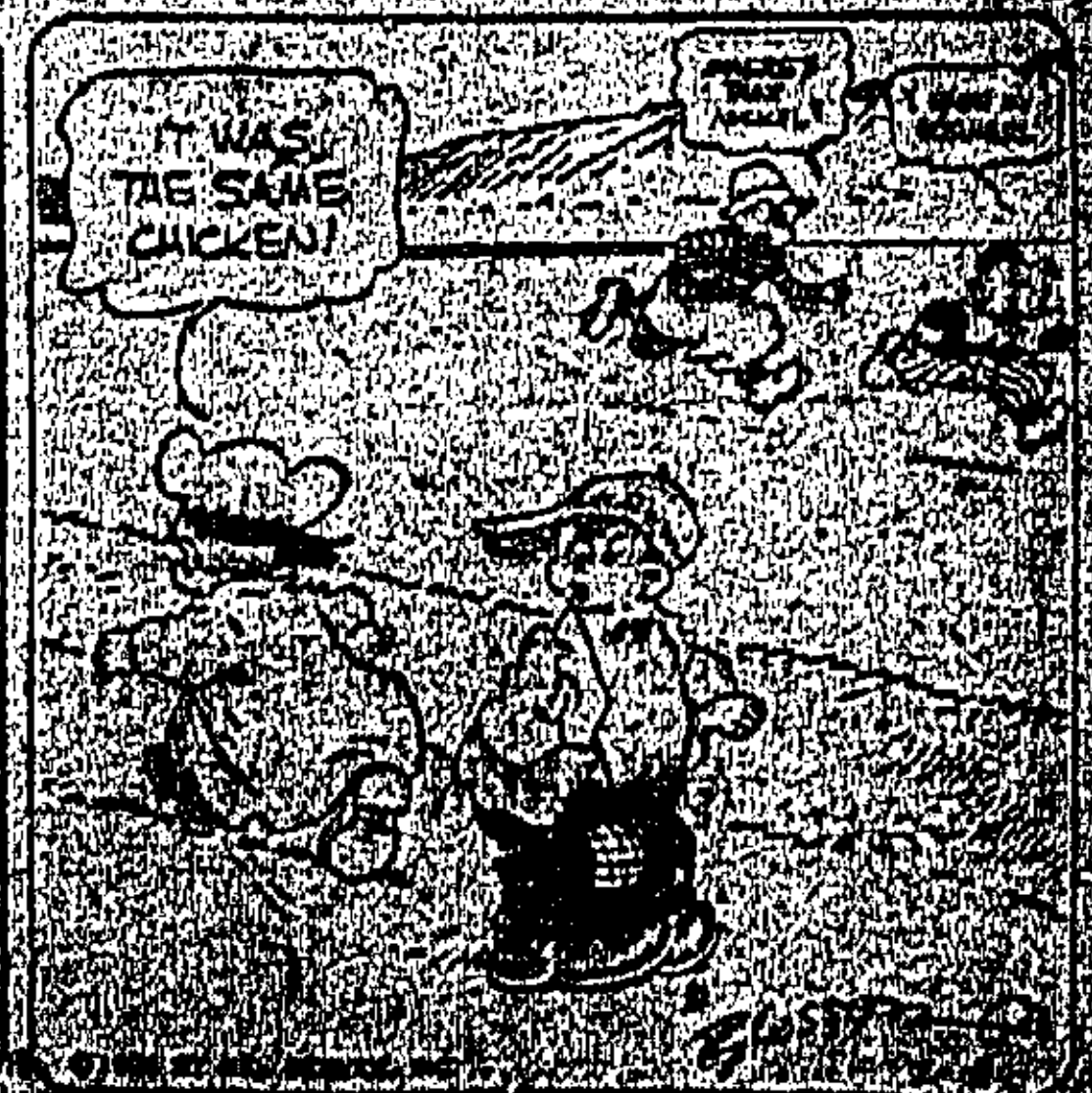


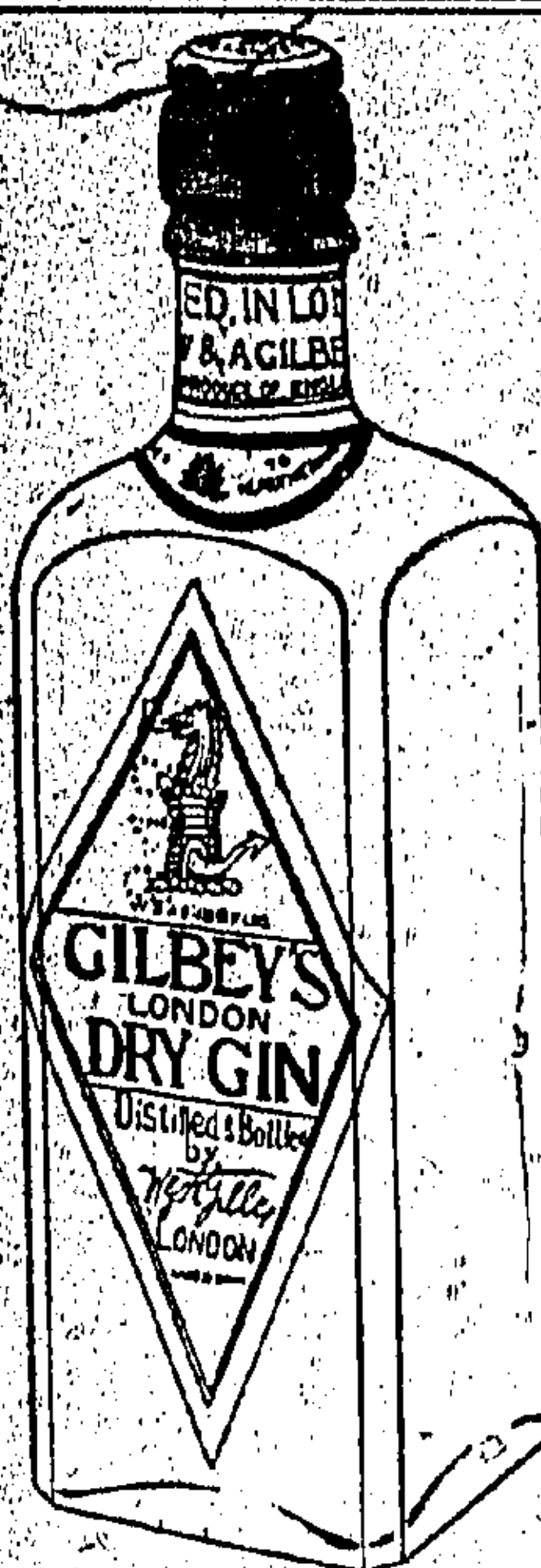
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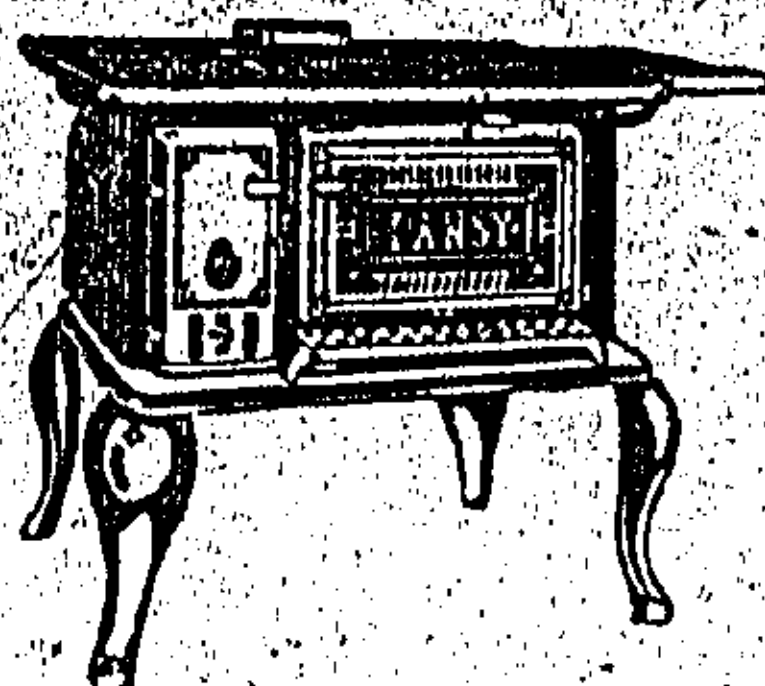
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THURSDAY, JULY 1, 1926.

FRENCH POLICY.

The declaration of policy by the new Briand Cabinet does not differ in any way from what was expected—a reaffirmation that at the heart of the Government's aim is the rehabilitation of the franc and the general betterment of French finances. If M. Briand and M. Caillaux can run together in harness and achieve that end, they will have deserved well of their country, for nothing but bold and decisive action can stop the depreciation of French exchange in face of demoralised finance. It looks as though the French Government was at last going to do what has been urged upon them for months by their best outside friends, namely, to use the whole credit of the State to support the franc. This will be done in collaboration with the Banque de France and it is presumed that this includes making use of the vast gold reserves of the Banque, although the Government openly affirms its intention to respect the independence of that institution. Not a little of the French monetary trouble has arisen because the Banque de France has jealously withheld its gold instead of freely using it, and there is not much fear that it would at any time stand to lose much of it provided the Banque was ready and was known to be ready to part with it freely. The very exception of a gold backing would have a tremendous effect—just as tremendous, in fact, as the absence of it. It is hard to know at what figure the French Government aims to stabilise the franc, but there is a big school of financial experts who think that the authorities would be well advised not to seek too high a figure. The franc has been below 170 to the pound and it is now down again to almost that figure after it had recovered to about 150. If 125 were aimed at, it would be exceedingly difficult at the moment and, rather than risk another failure, a lower figure, say 140, should be sought after. An appreciably higher figure, could, of course, be reached and maintained, but the strain would be a big one just now.

The French Government has done well to emphasise that no default in the State's engagements will be tolerated, for this declaration ought to do much to clear away a lot of doubts, especially

among French holders of Rentes. The French investor has lost a lot of faith in his Government and in his currency and it will be a wonderful achievement if M. Briand and M. Caillaux can restore that confidence. There should, however, be no thought of trying to secure reductions in the sums payable to foreign Governments on account of inter-Allied debts. So soon as France (granted generous terms already) seeks to get better terms from either the United States of America or Britain there will inevitably be a reaction against the franc exchange as that fresh attempt will be construed into an inability of disinclination to bear what has been assessed as a fair burden. For France there is no easy way out; she must shoulder in earnest her share of the price of the war—even though she was among the victor nations. The sooner that fundamental truth is realised by the people of France, the sooner will her statesmen get rid of the bogey of national bankruptcy.

Channel Swimming.

Will a lady, for the first time in history, swim the English Channel this summer? Reports are current that several are to make the attempt, and amongst these may be mentioned Miss Lillian Cannon, a 23-year-old girl, of Baltimore, who is now in France undergoing a period of eight weeks' training in preparation for the task. Miss Cannon is one of America's best lady swimmers, and she is particularly known in Florida, where she has for some time past been teaching swimming and diving. She is due to make the effort about the middle of this month, and will start from the French side, possibly at night. For the most part, she is to rely on the breast stroke, alternating this with the crawl and the English overarm stroke. In this way she hopes to prevent cramp and to give full play to all her muscles. Her trainer for the effort is Burgess, who is one of the few men to have successfully made the crossing, and there are high hopes at her training quarters that she will succeed where other lady swimmers have failed. She is particularly anxious to secure the honour for America, and no stone is being left unturned in order that she may succeed. We hope shortly to publish some interesting details concerning the arrangements for the swim, including articles by Miss Cannon herself, whilst later on, pictures will be printed of incidents connected with the training, as well, if the swim takes place, of the actual attempt, which will be one of the big sporting events of the year. So far, although no lady swimmer has succeeded, five men have accomplished the task, these being Capt. Matthew Webb, Thomas Burgess, Henry Sullivan, E. Tiraboschi and C. Toth.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY WORK.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the Commissioner of Customs at Shanghai under date June 22:—
Notice is hereby given that the Whangpoo Conservancy Board's dredger Hai Hu is about to commence dredging operations over an area of Aetraen Channel extending from a point 1,000 feet Eastward, to a point 3,000 feet Westward, of No. 2 Buoy.
During the course of these operations those in charge of vessels are required, when approaching the vicinity of the dredger, to proceed at reduced speed, and sound a long blast on the whistle.
When approaching the dredger against the tide, seeing another vessel approaching the dredger with the tide, should reduce speed or stop, in order to allow the vessel proceeding with the tide to pass and clear the dredger before she, the vessel proceeding against the tide, attempts to do so.
Attention is called to Harbour Notification No. 6 of 1924 which defines the signals a dredger in operation shall exhibit.

A young woman, suing a woman hair-dresser for snipping off a piece of her ear when "bobbing" her hair, was awarded 25 damages, with costs, in the Dudley County Court.

DAY BY DAY.

MINDS OF MODERATE CALIBRE ORDINARILY CONDEMN EVERYTHING WHICH IS BEYOND THEIR RANGE.—*La Rochefoucauld.*

Rev. G. R. Lindsay left by the Empress of Canada for Manila.

News has reached Aden that the Hashid Tribe, to the north-west of Sanaa, near the marches of the Idrial Emirate of Abu Arism and Sabia in Asir, is likely to revolt against the overlordship of the Zaidi Imam Yehia.

Every issue of the *Silver Wolf*, the official organ of the Boy Scouts Association, Hongkong appears better than its predecessor. The June number, now out, is full of interesting articles and matter of general as well as Scout interest, whilst the illustrations are particularly good.

Sir Theodore Charles Owen, K.B.E., of Piccadilly, W., and senior partner in Rowe, White, and Co., plantation agents, chairman of Federated Malay States, Sumatra, and Borneo companies, and a director of a number of Ceylon tea and rubber estates, died on March 22, leaving property of the value of £34,291, with net personality £38,621.

Further donations to the National Police Fund, organised by *The Times*, include the following: The Peninsular and Oriental and Associated Companies, £500; Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son, Ltd., £250; Oriental Telephone and Electric Co., Ltd., £250; Marion, Lady Des Voeux, £50; H. I. H. Prince Chieh-hu of Japan, £20; Mr. H. W. Looker, £25; the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., £100; the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd., £100.

A buoy has been moored by the salvage steamer *Iroise* at what is believed to be the spot off Ushant where, on May 20, 1922, the P. and O. liner *Egypt* sank in 65 fathoms of water after collision with the cargo boat *Selma*. Diving operations are to be conducted whenever possible throughout the summer for the bullion, amounting to more than £1,000,000, which went down with the ship.

Kimberley war memorial will include bronze tablets which are intended to bear the names of all those who fell in the Great War and who either were at the time of enlistment resident in the Kimberley Divisional Council Area or were when they fell serving in any unit of the South African Forces connected with the town of Kimberley. Relatives or friends of officers and men who fell in the Great War and come within this definition are asked to communicate with the Mayor of Kimberley.

The Lord Chancellor has appointed Mr. Leonard Charles Thomas to be a judge of county courts, and has made the following arrangements in connection with the vacancy caused by the death of Judge Parfitt:—Judge Bairestow to succeed Judge Parfitt at Clerkenwell County Court; Judge Hill Kelly will sit as additional judge at Westminster, Marylebone and Clerkenwell County Courts, and to be the judge of Uxbridge County Court; and Judge L. C. Thomas is to be the judge of the county courts on Circuit 24 (Cardiff, &c.). The new judge was called to the Bar by the Middle Temple in 1905 and has practised on the Western Circuit.

EXCHANGE RATES.

Rugby, June 30.	
Paris	173.3/16
Brussels	173.1/16
Amsterdam	12.11/16
Berlin	20.44
Copenhagen	18.36
Vienna	34.43/4
Helsingfors	193/4
Lisbon	217/32
Buenos Aires	45/4
Shanghai	2/11/5
Yokohama	1/11/5/2
New York	4.89/4
Geneva	25.14/4
Milan	134.13/16
Stockholm	18.12/4
Oslo	22.15/4
Prague	164/4
Madrid	30.24/4
Rio	726/92
Bombay	1/6/15/16
Hongkong	2/3/4
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—British Wireless.

Paris, May 29.—Since French law has decided it is not a crime to forge passports, the traffic in this country of forged passports is not only on the increase but has become a most lucrative commerce. Four Italians recently arrested at a Paris terminal railway station for loitering had 350 forged passports and 200,000 francs.

NEARLY A RIOT.

WHAT WAS OVERHEARD.

We were living in dangerous times. The strike was not over by several days and was a thing of incalculable possibilities. A puff of wind might involve us in a vast conflagration. I edged away to take a more detached view of this particular quarrel.

At a distance it was not easy to say whether the chief contestants were Labour or Government. They had not exactly a Labour air; yet, on the other hand, one could not write them down as belonging to the three years' or duration party. But they were in opposite camps, undoubtedly. The way the tall, pale man suddenly shouted "Tell me that" for all to hear showed that he felt the matter deeply. The short, red-faced man caught him by the coat-lapels and shouted as loudly, but not quite so coherently.

I looked over at the crowd of specialists who were standing by. It was their first baptism of fire, and one could see that they were puzzled by the etiquette of approach in these matters. A regular policeman seems to deal with these crises, if I may say so, by sheer weight of personality. Anybody can say "Pass along there, please!" but it requires avoidance to give effect to the request.

I returned my attention to the conversation. The complexion of the short man was now deepening to purple, tinged with mauve; the tall man's a delicate yellow.

"Tell you what I'll do with you," said Red Face, "I'll..."

I did not catch his plan of campaign, but I heard the beginning of the reply: "Oh, you will, will you? Well then, listen..."

His voice died away on the breeze, but Red Face gave him that desperately polite attention which one always sees in a man who is thoroughly angry.

Thread of the Argument.

Subsequent conversation ran on these lines (you will understand that I did not get complete sentences, and without wishing to be partisan can only say that Grey Face had the rather more cultured accent):—

"You really mean that?"

To settle down and give right in to years that roll on by; to dream of things that might have been; to fret and fuss and sigh, is just the thing you shouldn't do. It brings the age-lines deep. 'Tis better, far, to laugh on through, and proper spirit keep.

Just look upon the little folk. They boldly show the way to make the age thing seem a joke that disappears through play. Swing back into the laughter that you had in youth, and then, you'll find that ever after, you are feeling young again.

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"I do, and what's more, it's not more than you to convince me to the opposite."

"My dear man, I don't want to convince you to the opposite, as you put it."

"Don't come the sarcastic over me, because if you do..." (Confused but fierce threat).

"Now, don't be silly. Just listen. If you'd only listen to what I say instead of barking every time I open my mouth."

"Who's barking?"

"Well, all right, I withdraw that. Listen."

Thoroughly interested now, I pushed my way into the crowd a little; but the crowd, with the usual stupidity of crowds, pushed too, and I lost the thread of the argument in a murmur that broke out.

When I next got a clear view and a good spot, so to speak, a crisis had supervened. Red Face had thrust his complexion dangerously near to his opponent's. If ever a man had a steely glitter in his eyes, Pale Face had it in his at that moment.

Coming to a Head.

In the now obvious state of emergency which existed one of the Specialists, with more service than his fellows, probably, acted. He cleared his throat, pulled at his armlet, and came towards me as being the nearest to his own weight. He was, I feel sure, just about to say the supreme thing. He was about to say: "Pass along, please."

About to say—but Red Face, with a supreme effort, mastered himself. "Speaking with the quintessence of poison, he said, slowly and distinctly for all to hear: "What I'll do is this. You can take it or leave it, but I'll give you two to one that if we have a wet summer like this the Australians will not only lose the blunkin Ashes, but that at least one of the countries will beat them. D'ye take me?"

"I'll take you, certainly," said Pale Face.—A. G. Thornton, in the *Daily Chronicle*.

The Very Idea!

You really can't blame anyone than banana seeds!

for sometimes, fearing age. Of course there isn't any fun, when people reach that stage. But, after all, it's up to you, how soon you lose your hold on youth. There's much that you can do to keep from getting old.

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Mr. C. A. Whelan, President of the greatest chain store tobacco concern in the States, tells me there are 30,000,000 potential male smokers in America. Someone mathematically inclined might now try to figure out the number of potential female smokers.

The giant concern's first store was a little cubby-hole on Nassau Street, New York. H. S. Collins, who was at the cash register the first day, rang up \$3.47. To-day there are three thousand stores and \$3.47 is rung up every minute or so. Collins is Vice-president of the concern. The annual business is something like a hundred million a year. And this, I am told, is but five per cent. of the nation's total tobacco sales. What a lot goes up in smoke!

When the spectacular romance of this concern was in its beginning, it opened the first of its chain in Elmina, N. Y. A circus elephant and a brass band were hired to attract a crowd.

Foreman: What are you doing, Mick?
Bricklayer: Sharpenin' a bit of a pencil.
Foreman: Ere you'll ave the union after you, me lad. That's short hair as cabbages are bigger

SIR FREDERICK LUGARD.**HONOURED BY COLONIAL INSTITUTE.**

London, June 30.
At the annual reception of the Royal Colonial Institute the Prince of Wales presented the gold medal of the Institute for the best book relating to the Empire to Sir Frederick Lugard, for his book entitled, "The Dual Mandate in British Tropical Africa." The Prince of Wales paid tribute to Sir Frederick Lugard as a fine governor and a great Colonial Civil Servant.—*Reuter.*

FOURTEEN YEARS SENTENCE.**COLLAPSE IN DOCK.**

Bombardier Ian Ronald Maxwell Stewart, aged 20, who was placed on trial with John Lincoln for the Trowbridge murder, but was acquitted, was recently sentenced to 14 years' penal servitude for burglary.

A brewer's traveller named Richards had been shot dead in his garden by Lincoln.

Stewart and Lincoln had previously broken into the man's house, and when Stewart was acquitted of murder at Wiltshire Assizes last January proceedings were taken under a count of burglary.

An application for the removal of Stewart's trial was refused, and he again appeared at the Wiltshire Assizes recently.

He looked rather pale as he pleaded guilty, but his voice was firm, and there was nothing in his appearance to suggest illness.

Collapse in Dock.

A moment later, however, he put his hand to his head, staggered, and fell back heavily full length in the dock.

Two warders and a doctor attended to him, and the doctor later reported to Mr. Justice Roche that Stewart had recovered sufficiently for the case to proceed. Mr. Goddard, K.C., for the Crown, mentioned that Stewart had been a guest at Richards's house four nights before the murder.

When counsel for the defence proceeded to call evidence as to Stewart's character in the Army, Mr. Justice Roche said this was not a case where Army character was of so much importance. He would rather know of Stewart's upbringing.

Later the judge remarked: "This is a case where the crime itself is of so much greater weight than the character. In a sense the crime reveals the character, and shows that a good character was not wholly deserved."

"Himself to Thank."

Mr. Justice Roche pointed out that after the shooting began, Stewart in no way retarded it, and he assisted in the escape of himself and Lincoln.

"That seems to distinguish this case entirely from what one might call a very ordinary case of burglary," the judge added.

Mr. Hutchinson, for the defence, said he hoped Stewart would not receive such a sentence that afterwards he would be sent out into society with a sour mind.

The judge said Stewart had got himself to thank for any sentence that might be passed.

"I may tell you," he added, "that one doubt in my mind has been whether there should be a sentence of penal servitude for life."

Addressing Stewart, he continued: "I am not going to talk to you, Stewart. You have heard all that has passed. Everything has been said on your behalf that could be said by your counsel. I am sure you feel your position. It is a terrible one."

An Appeal.

It was later announced that an appeal is to be lodged in the case. A *Daily Chronicle* correspondent writes that in an interview with Stewart's mother in her little bungalow, in an old-world village five miles from Woking, he was informed that such steps had already been taken.

"My boy is only 20," she said, "and has a blameless record. Surely these two things will weigh with the judges."

Mrs. Stewart added that although a large number of theatrical friends had contributed generously to the defence fund, the trial had cost her every penny she had in the world.

PARTINGS.**THREE VIGNETTES OF LIFE.**

She was dancing with the funny little man whom someone had christened the Tomtit, because of his curiously birdlike appearance. She was dancing with him, not because she wanted to, but because he had asked her; and, though she had already had two dances with him, she could not refuse; for she knew she had not the heaven-sent ability to be rude to a man without his knowing it. She felt they were looking ridiculous, his dancing being of the hop-skip-and-jump order. Besides, there were someone else, someone who danced beautifully.

A tall, well-shaped young man, with dark, expressive eyes, approached them. He stopped them, and gravely placed a lemon in the Tomtit's hand.

"It's the lemon dance," he said; "didn't you know? I'm sorry to deprive you of your partner."

It was he. He had exercised his right, the right of the lemon, to take her from the Tomtit; and now he was dancing with her himself, taking the centre of the floor in his masterful way, holding her at just the right distance with calm, cool hands, not clutching her like a drowning man clutching a straw, as the Tomtit always did.

She was too happy to speak; besides, who wanted to talk when steps fitted so utterly, and two forms swayed in such perfect rhythm? He had wanted her, then, for this dance. He had been looking out for her, watching her; he . . .

"Excuse me!" said a chirpy voice at their side, "I'm sorry to deprive you of your partner."

It was the Tomtit, daring to press back the lemon into the cool, masterful hand that had just given it to him. He put his arm round her waist and chirruped, pleased with his own audacity.

"Oh!" she could not help exclaiming, exasperated beyond bearing. Then, afraid she had been rude, she smiled bravely.

"Good-bye!" she cried, with forced gaiety, to the tall young man.

"Good-bye!" he replied, and "Damn!" he whispered in her ear as they parted.

We stood on the dingy quay; to which we had travelled through neighbourhoods that increased in squalor as we approached the docks, and watched the big steamer preparing for her outward voyage.

The man to whom we had come to say good-bye stood silent on the deck, his hands in his pockets. His quietude made him a curiously isolated figure among his fellow-passengers, who waved and shouted to friends ashore. A stranger might have thought him unmoved by the excitement of departure, but one felt the tenseness beneath his apparent calm.

As the steamer slipped her moorings, so would the ties that bound him to his old life be loosed. And he was a man to whom those ties meant much; a man with deeply domestic instincts, asking only his boyhood's friends and the quiet hearth.

"Good-bye, good-bye!" we shouted, forcing a note of cheerfulness. "Bring us home a parrot!" said someone.

"Don't forget to change at Clapham Junction!" cried another.

He did not reply or make any movement. It was as if he had not heard. The funnels poured forth their smoke, the great ship began to heave away from the quay.

"Good-bye, good-bye!" shouted the people ashore, and "Good-bye!" answered the people on the deck. He alone stood motionless as the ship made her slow way down the sluggish river, looking back at something we could not see, his face towards home.

The major had made an excellent score. It was the first progressive whist he had ever attended where he had been even within sight of the prize. There were only three more hands to be played, and he needed only an average of six to be pretty sure of heading the list. Not that he was a pot-hunter, but it gave interest to the game, having something to play for. There weren't too many excitements in the country.

He found himself partnering dear old Mrs. Cherry, for whom he always had a hearty, jocular greeting. "Sweet old lady!" he used to describe her to his wife, "always pleasant and amiable."

He gazed with dismay at the hand that had been dealt him. Only one small trump, and one court card. Pray heaven his partner had something.

She led; a small heart. He frowned. He had three to the

POLICE CHARGES.**NEW MAN IN THE BIG FIVE.**

Chief-Inspector George Nicholls, it has been decided, is to succeed Superintendent Carlin, who retired recently from his post at Scotland Yard, after 35 years in the police force.

Inspector Nicholls thus becomes one of the "big five." He is an expert on police administration, and is said to know the regulations—with their innumerable clauses and subsections—by heart.

He was in charge of the "poison pen" case at Littlehampton, and it was as a result of his inquiries that Mrs. Gooding, who had been convicted of writing the letters, was released from prison and compensated.

During the war he was chiefly engaged in combating the activities of German spies in this country, when his knowledge of French and German was of great service to him. It was Inspector Nicholls who arrested Monte Carlo Wells on board his yacht at Falmouth.

"Cross Keys" Murder.

Inspector Charles Cooper is to fill the place of Chief Inspector Nicholls. He assisted the late Chief Inspector Ward in the investigations which led to the execution of Seddon for poisoning Miss Barrow.

He was also engaged in the case of Nellie Rault, a girl in the Q.M.A.A.C. who was murdered near Haynes Park Military Camp. Bedford, just after the war. Recently he has done valuable work against safebreakers.

The departure of Superintendent Carlin remove a well-known figure from the force. Beginning his career at Vine-street, the first spectacular case of which he was in charge was the "Cross Keys" murder, in which an elderly woman was killed in the cellar of a public-house at Chelsea.

"Dope Gang."

For several weeks Superintendent Carlin gave unremitting attention to the mystery, but no arrest was made.

It was said that he was personally satisfied as to the true story of the murder, but was unable to provide the requisite evidence to enable justice to be done.

Possessing an unrivalled knowledge of the West-end underworld, he has been instrumental in the arrest of over 200 criminals of the type which frequents it. He was largely responsible for stamping out the "dope gang," one of the heads of which was Brilliant Chang. During the British Empire Exhibition at Wembley, Superintendent Carlin succeeded in preventing scores of skilled American and Continental swindlers from landing in England to prey upon the visitors.

An underground battle in pitch darkness took place early on a recent morning between 60 unemployed miners and a number of Abertillery policemen. Police found a large gang of men, armed with mining tools, whom they suspected of working coal from the face of the Red Ash Colliery. As two men came out of the mouth of the pit one was arrested, but the other escaped and gave the alarm. The police rushed inside, and there was a fierce struggle in mud and water, but many men escaped through the airways and other exits. Eight arrests were made and 62 bags of coal were seized by the police. The eight men were later remanded by the local magistrates.

Their opponents took the trick with the ace, then proceeded to play the king and queen. Bless the woman! What on earth had she led from? Ha! A short suit, perhaps. But in the third round she followed suit with the three. He fidgeted.

Trumps were led. She discarded a small diamond. "Having no trumps, partner!" she said, smiling archly at him. He scowled.

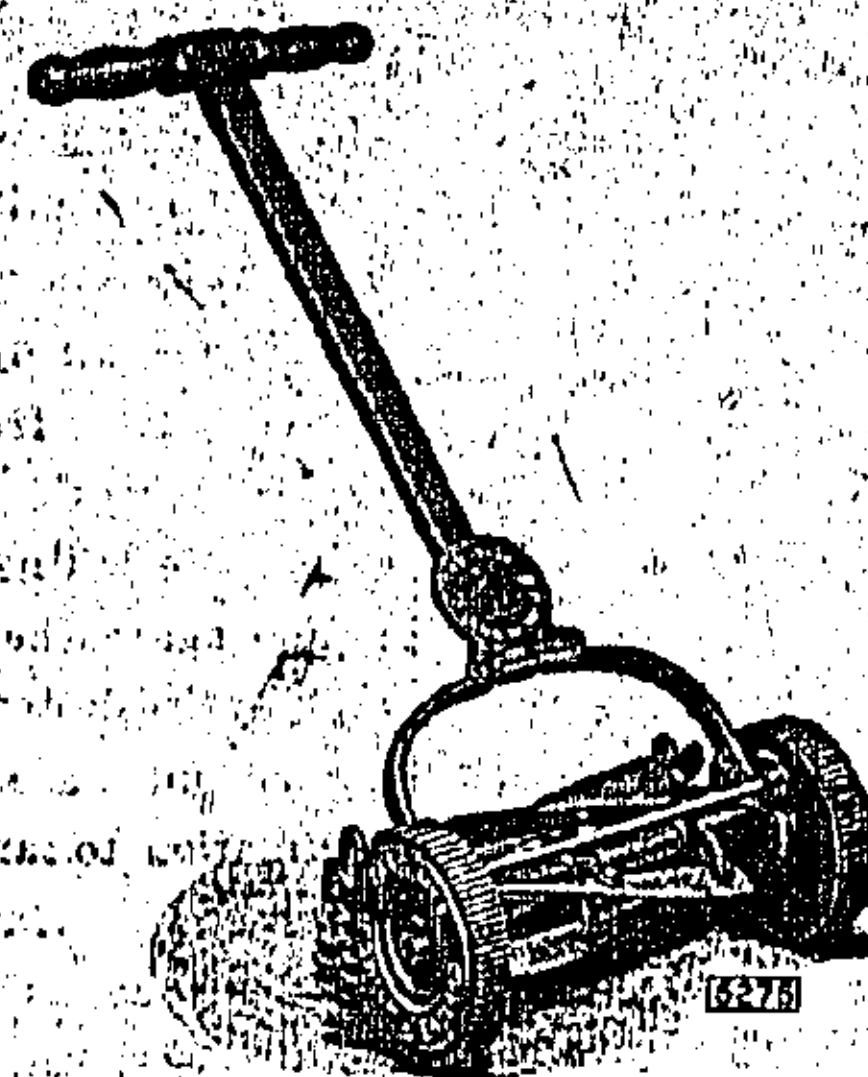
Their opponents scored a grand slam. His card was ruined; no hope of the prize now. Not that he would have minded, but to get so near it . . . Confounded bad luck.

"Good-bye, partner!" dear old Mrs. Cherry beamed at him as they parted, she to go up, he down, "what cards we had!"

"—d-bye," grunted the major, and "silly old fool!" he muttered under his breath.—Kathleen O'Brien in the *Daily Chronicle*.

RANSOME'S LAWN MOWERS

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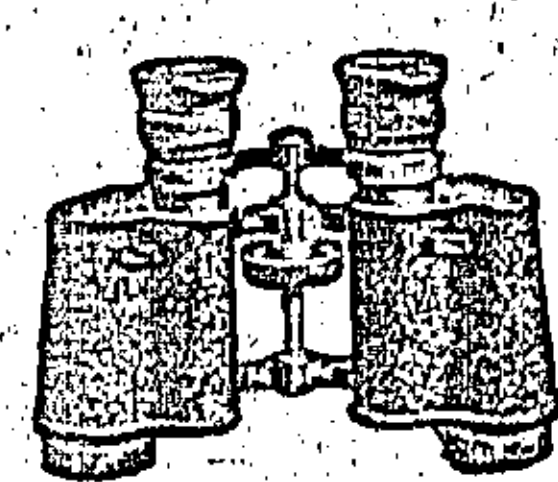
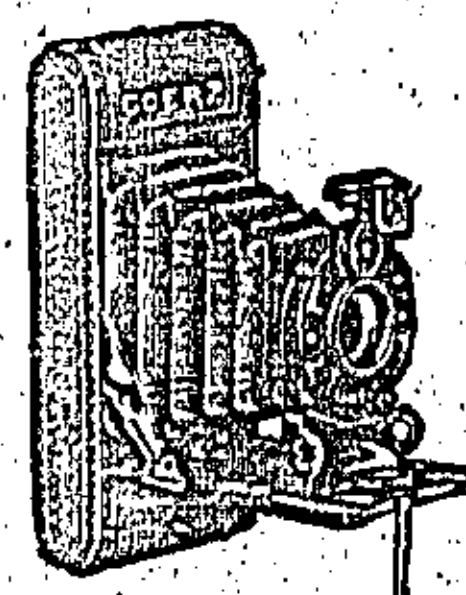
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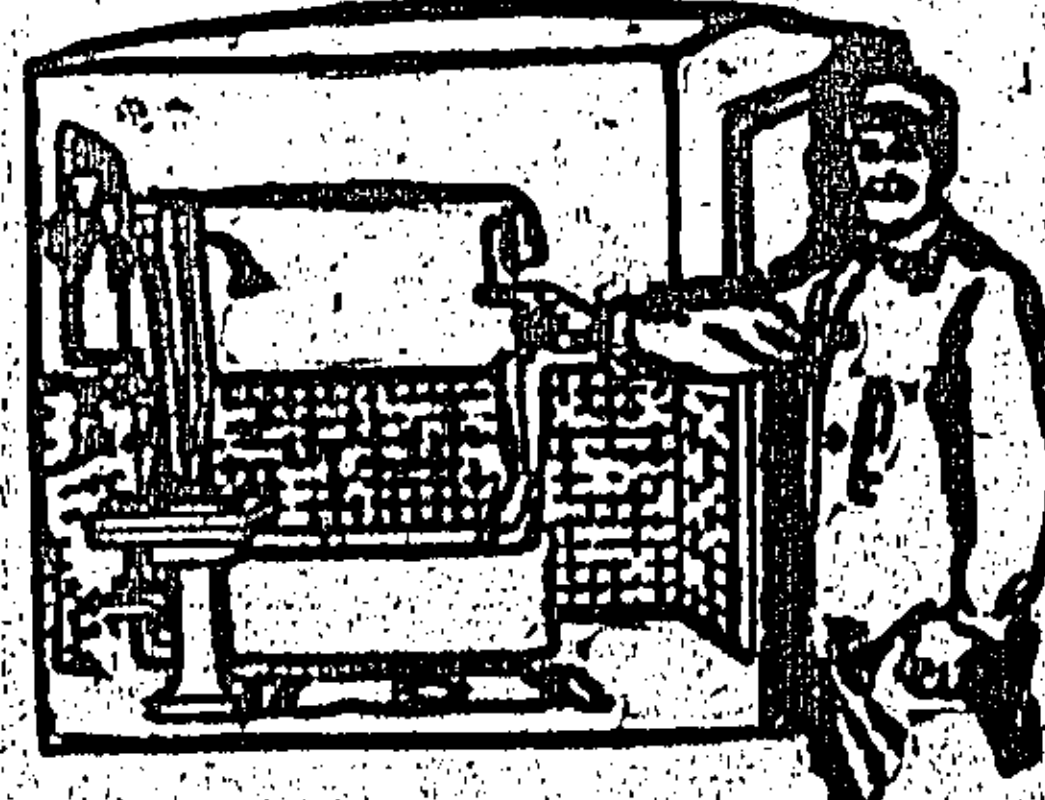
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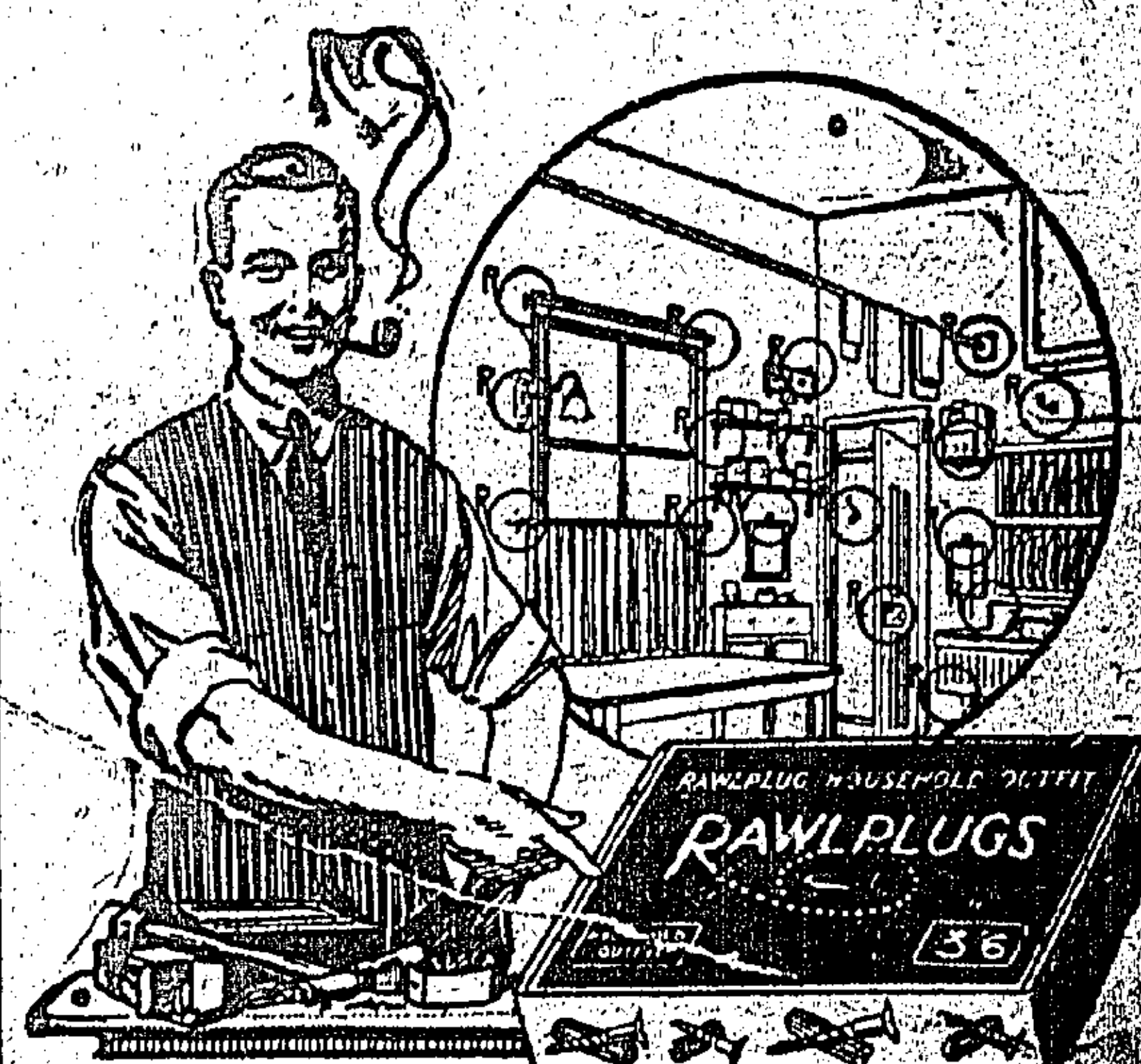
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This shoal now has on it a high powered wireless station in full operation which will undoubtedly prove of the utmost value to the mercantile marine and to meteorological science.

The man mainly responsible for the erection of this station is Mr. C. W. Hsu who now proceeds to the Paracels group, on one island of which he will establish another wireless station for the Chinese Government.

The necessary apparatus on the Pratas is housed in a fine building of reinforced concrete, built under Mr. Hsu's direction, and there are also two huge wireless masts and a lighthouse.

As is well-known during the period of construction work was sadly hampered by illness, due to a lack of fresh foods and vegetables. Since the time the station was more or less complete efforts have been made to grow vegetables with a certain amount of success. Other experiments are being made and promise well. In addition colonies of duck and geese have been taken there. They live and flourish in the thick growth of bushes on the island, the only drawback being that when they are wanted for table they have to be hunted.

The instruments at the station are of the latest type and the island is in constant communication with Shanghai, Mukden and Japan and of course with Hongkong.

Wireless Telephone. Shanghai in fact is linked up with wireless telephone and it will be easily possible for the station to pick up messages from England. Its sending range is 2,000 miles.

To have made such a transformation in the middle of the China sea in a year is a tremendous feat but it is a fact that had not certain delicate instruments been unfortunately damaged in landing the place would have been complete in a little over eight months, the rest of the time being taken up in getting new instruments from Europe.

Throughout the year the working party has been fighting against bad weather conditions. It took over two months to land the tons of material, for the steamer could not get close on account of coral reefs, and whenever bad weather brewed she had to move off and either stand in to Hongkong or else go further south. Mr. Hsu himself was several times prevented from landing after a visit to Hongkong. At one time he went down three times, saw Pratas but could not make a landing and had to return.

Danger of food supplies running short is almost nil. At all times a three months supply of provisions is on the island and during the monsoon season when typhoons are likely to be prevalent an eight months' supply is there.

The little island has now 40 inhabitants, all Chinese, the operators being mainly drawn from the Chinese Navy.

It would be difficult to estimate the value of such a station. It will be able to gather and distribute weather information all over the Far East and only those who have been to the shoal and seen the skeletons of ships on the surrounding coral reefs can imagine how valuable will the lighthouse and wireless station be to the hundreds of ships which steer up and down the China Sea. The light has been working since the middle of October and its first tests were made only a little over a month after the necessary building material was landed. The light has a geographical visibility of eighteen and a half miles.

Several thousand inhabitants of the little town of Bacau, Rumania, have been rendered homeless by a disastrous fire which broke out in the working class quarter there, and destroyed 500 houses. A number of factories were also burned down.

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NINE CHANGES IN ONE YEAR.

A correspondent writing to the N. C. D. News calls attention to the many ministerial changes which have taken place in France since April 1925. He says:

Britons are in no small degree interested in French politics, inasmuch as France's ability to pay her War Debt to Great Britain is dependent upon the stability of the French franc and France's financial recovery, which in turn can only be brought about by tranquillity in French political circles. It is, therefore, to be hoped that your singularly interesting leader under the above caption will be read and pondered over by all sober-minded British readers of your esteemed journal.

In your opening observations you refer to the large number of French Ministers that have come and gone during the past few years. In this connexion the following table may be of interest to your readers:—

Two years ago found the Labourite M. Herriot in office as Premier with M. Clementel as Finance Minister. Since then the following changes have taken place:

PREMIERS:
 M. Herriot resigned, April 10, 1925.
 M. Painleve appointed, April 15, 1925.
 M. Painleve resigned, October 27, 1925.
 M. Painleve re-appointed, October 28, 1925.
 M. Painleve resigned, November 22, 1925.
 M. Briand appointed, November 22, 1925.
 M. Briand resigned, March 6, 1926.
 M. Briand re-appointed March 7, 1926.
 M. Briand resigned, June 19, 1926.

FINANCE MINISTERS:
 M. Clementel resigned, April 2, 1925.
 M. Doumergue appointed, April 4, 1925.
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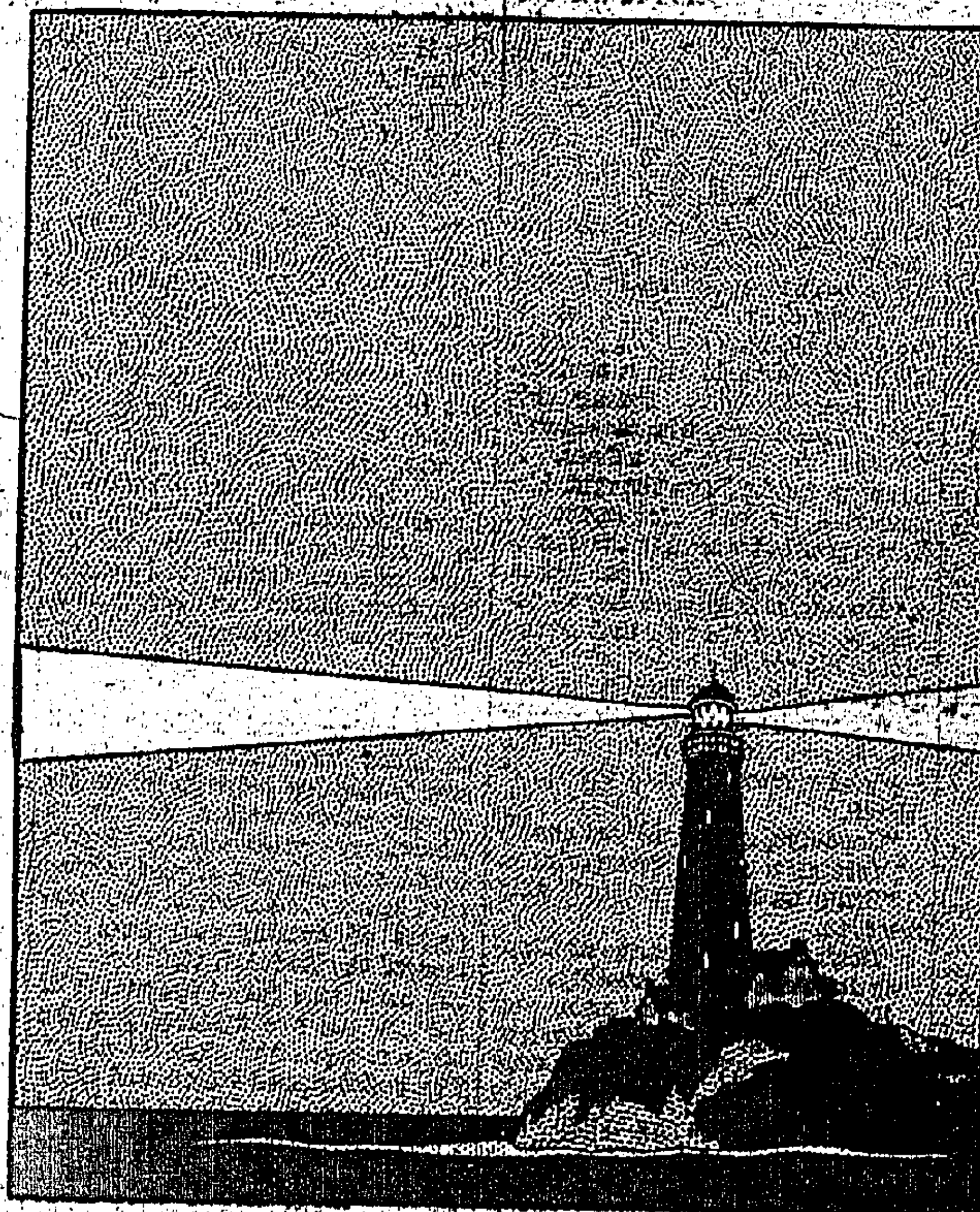
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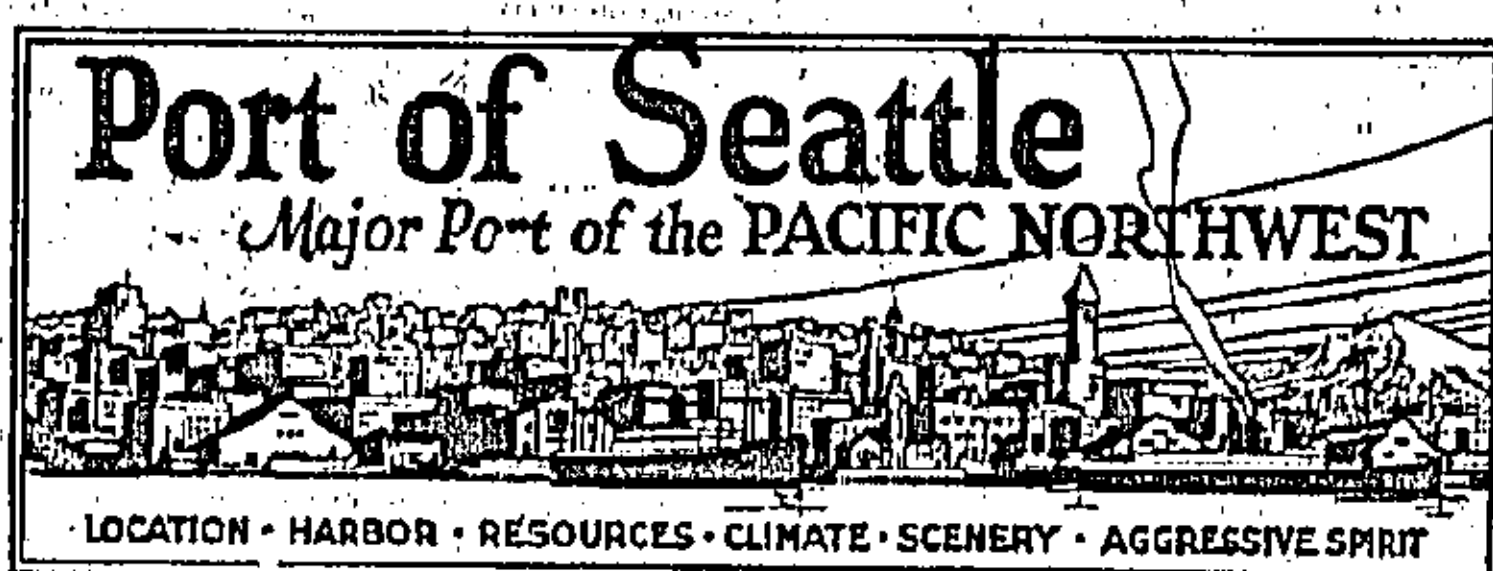
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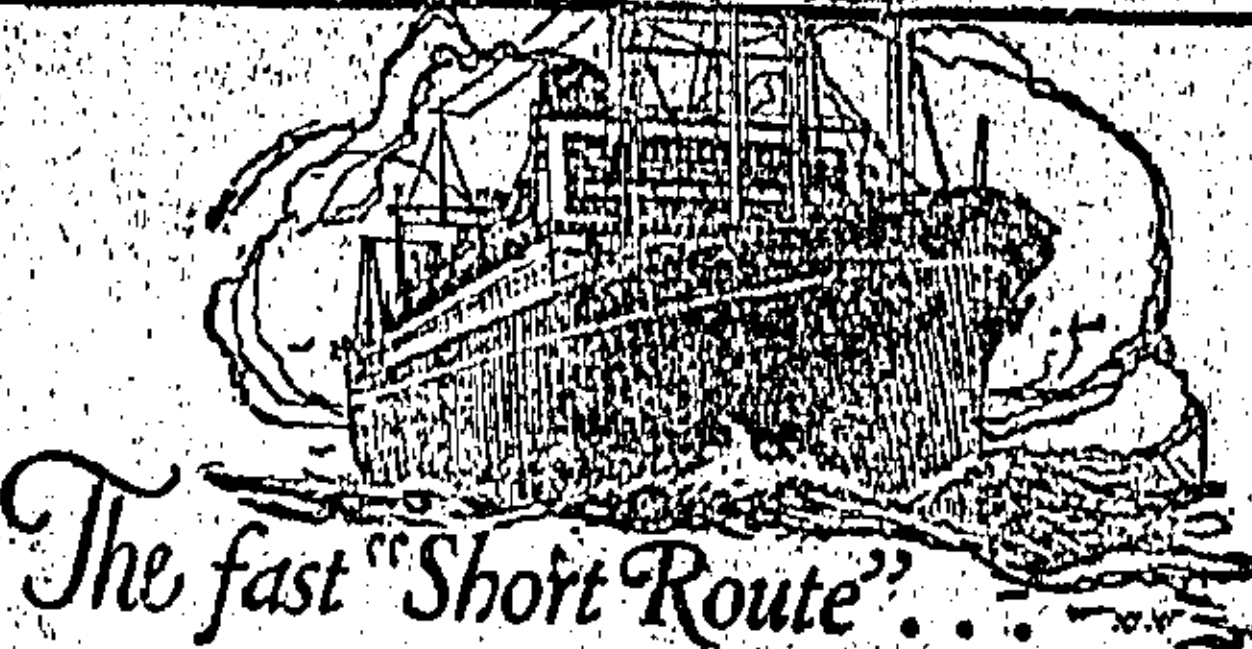
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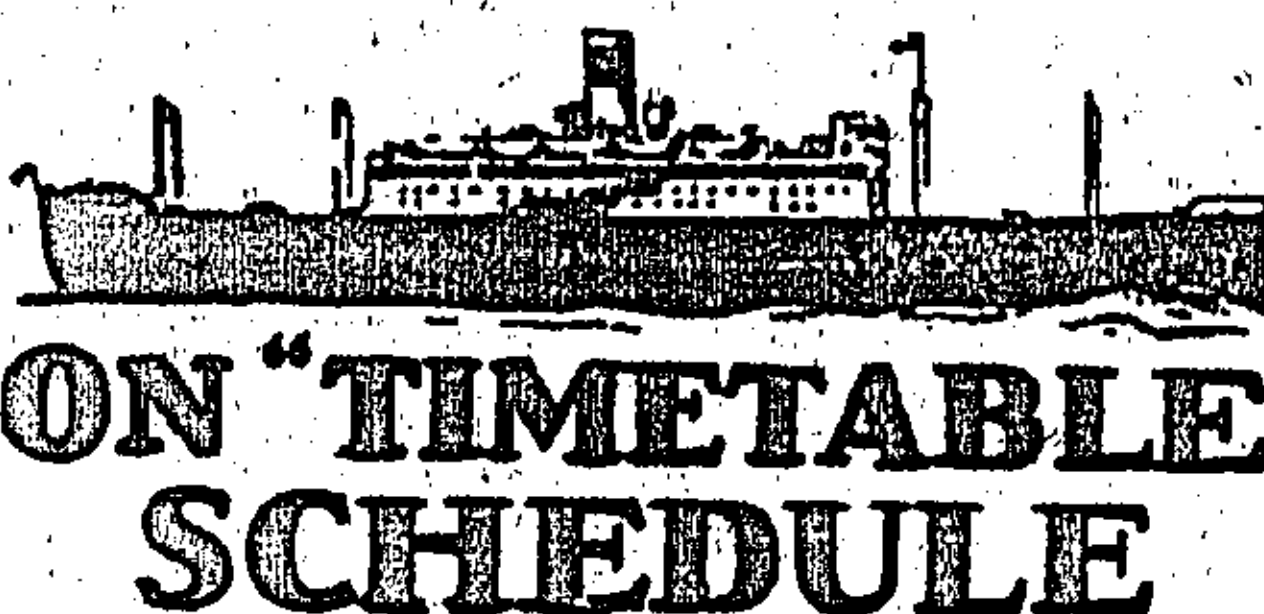
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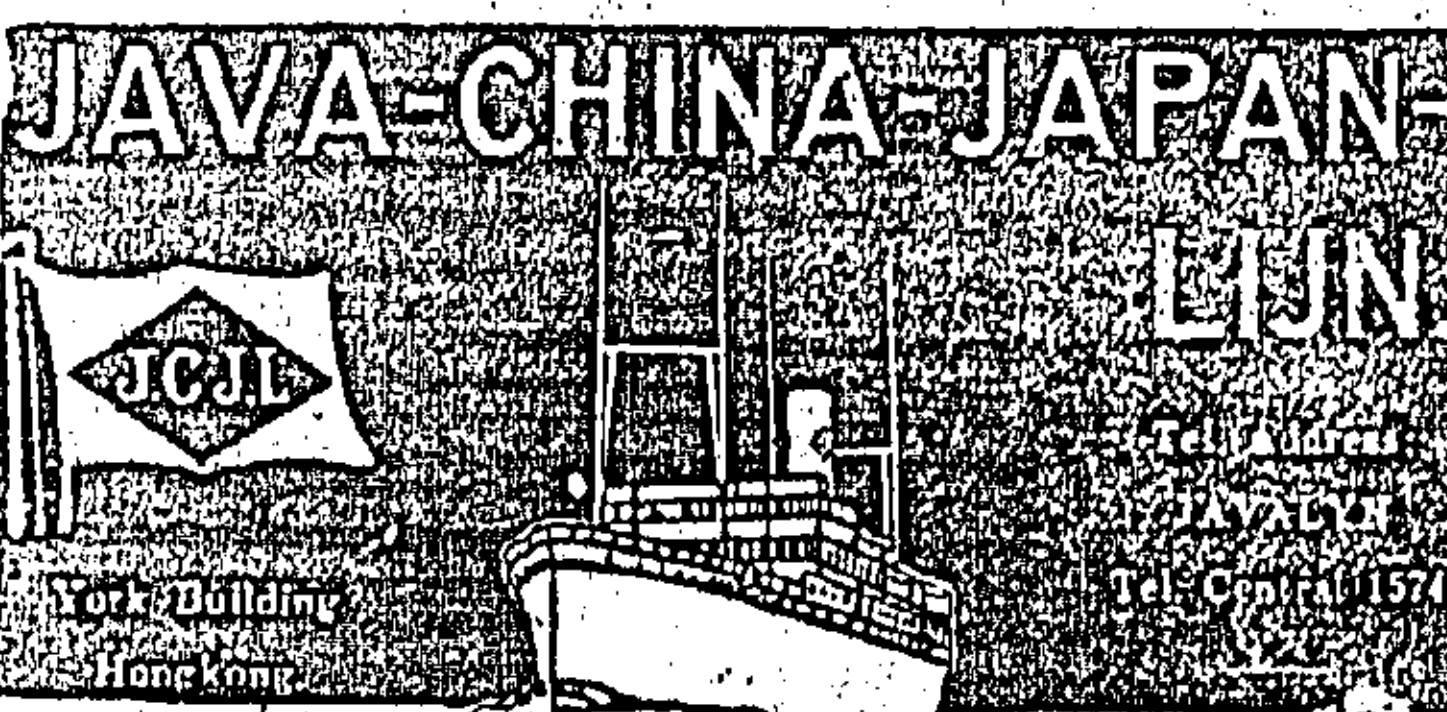
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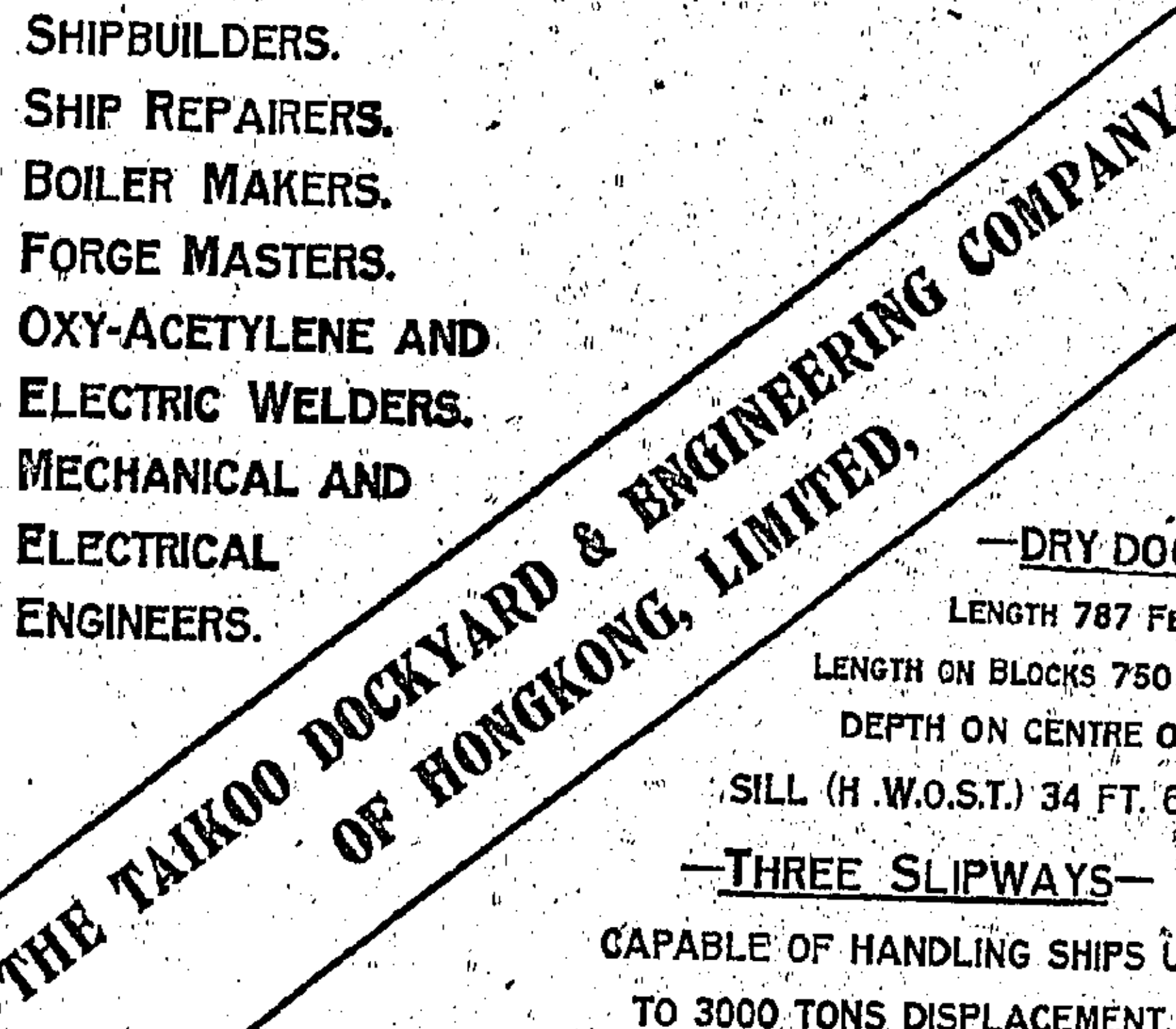
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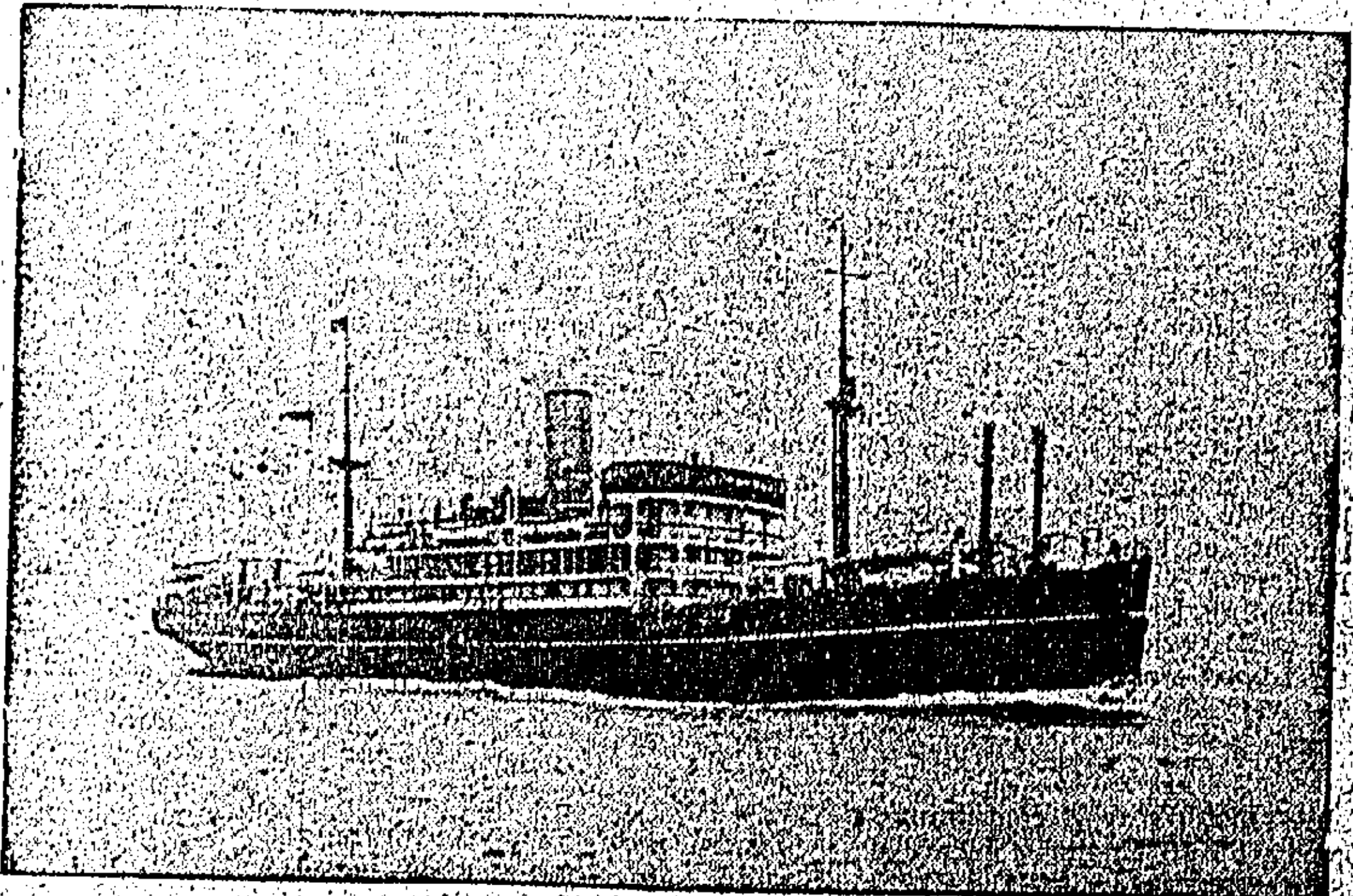
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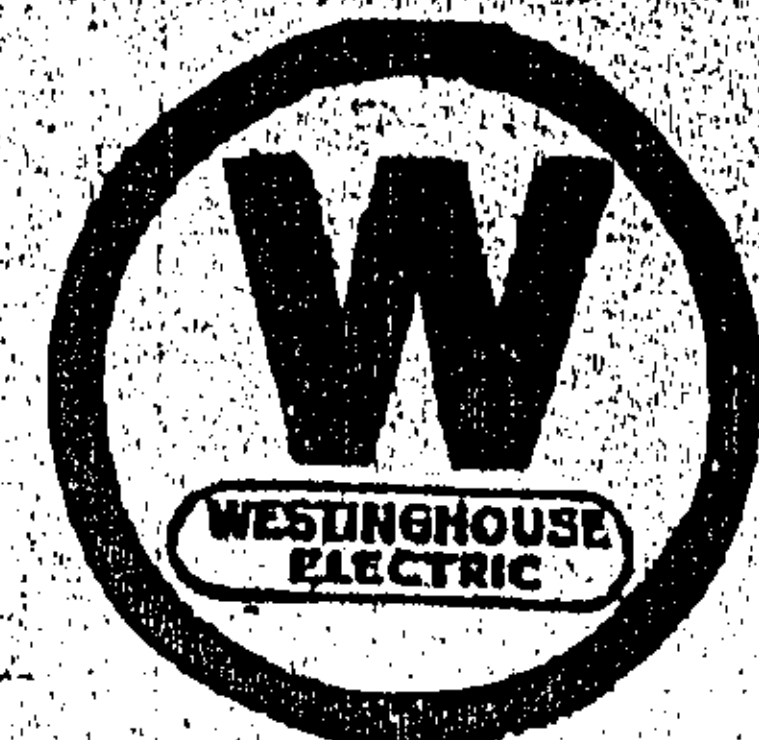
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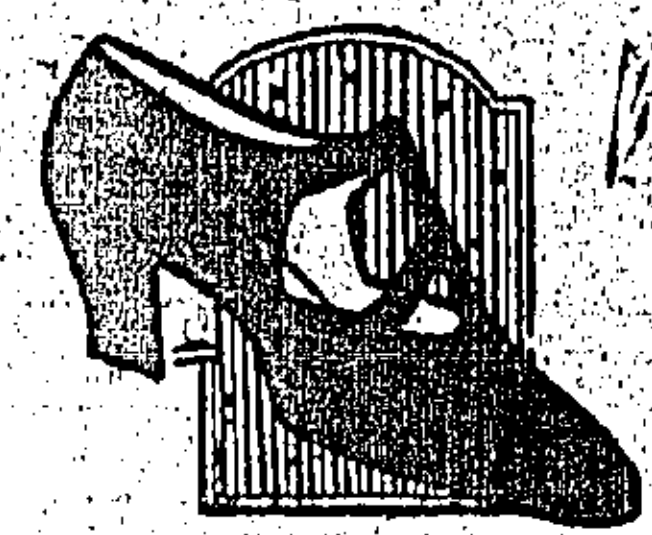
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SWATOW TRADE.**CUSTOMS REPORT FOR 1925.**

Reporting on the trade of Swatow for 1925, the Customs Commissioner, Mr. R. F. C. Hedgeland, says:

Three changes of Government within the year and the disturbances attendant upon them have naturally not tended towards the stimulation or steadying of trade. No sooner had the spring military operations come to an end than the trade of the district was oppressed by another misfortune, in the shape of excessive rainfall, which, by damaging the railroad and flooding certain districts in the interior, hindered considerably the transport of merchandise.

Then followed the shipping strike and the cessation of trade with Hongkong, movements which naturally provided serious problems for local business men. In addition to the serious shortage of tonnage felt for the first three months after the strike commenced, and the necessity for finding new markets for the goods generally placed in Hongkong, frequent delays were experienced in the departure of vessels still running, owing to the activities of the unions in levying fees for the support of the strike.

Price of Oil High.

The temporary resumption of trade with Hongkong, coupled with the settlement of the anti-Japanese boycott, produced a rush of trade during the month of October and the first half of November—as can be readily seen from the exceptionally high revenue collection for those two months—and materially assisted in counteracting the general decline which is still apparent in the annual statistics. That this decline is not more apparent is, however, a eloquent prophecy of the possible expansion of trade in this port, given a year free from political or climatic disturbances.

The Government monopoly for the sale of oil has been put into operation here, and supplies from Russian and Independent American sources have been requisitioned to supplant those heretofore provided by the Standard Oil and Asiatic Petroleum Companies. The scheme is still too young to admit of any criticisms being made as to the adequacy of the substitutes arranged for or to its success as a producer of revenue, but it is fairly safe to predict that, if the Government prices are to remain as high as they are quoted at present, consumers who have been in the habit of using kerosene as a luminant will declare universally for electricity wherever the latter is available.

Large quantities of debased small silver coins continued to circulate throughout the year, and there is little doubt that many of the ignorant or unwary members of society, especially the lower classes, sustained undeserved hardships by finding their hard-earned money either discounted or refused altogether by shops or money-changers.

The Chao Shan Railway Company underwent a change of management during the year, and the post of Director was abolished in favour of a committee of five elected members, who assumed office on the 1st October. Whether the change in the method of administration will have beneficial results remains to be seen.

Revenue.

In spite of adverse conditions during the latter half of the year, the company reports a profit, and business appears to be improving, especially in the carriage of cargo,

this method of transit being preferred by most merchants over the slower, though less expensive, means offered by the junks. The travelling public also favoured the railroad, and competition by motor-boats was hardly felt.

The revenue for the year amounted to HK Tls. 1,496,423, inclusive of famine relief surtax of HK Tls. 19,519. Excluding this last figure, the decrease on the previous year is about 15 per cent. and is shared in varying proportions by all departments of the revenue. The principal loss, which is to be seen in the import column, is the result of the cessation of the trade with Hongkong for nearly half the year, while the comparatively low figure for tonnage dues gives evidence of the greatly reduced number of vessels which have entered and cleared during the second half-year.

Foreign Goods.

(a) Imports, Direct and Coasting.—The severance of trade relations with Hongkong has been responsible for a difference of 10 per cent in the foreign import trade dropped from HK Tls. 1,200,000 in 1924 to HK Tls. 1,080,000 in 1925. The boycott of British and Japanese goods, although affecting very considerably the trade of those nations in the district, could not fail to reflect favourably on many sections of the Chinese community. Apart from the numerous individuals employed in British and Japanese firms who struck work and were faced with the choice of either finding other employment or subsisting on the meagre dole issued by the strike committees, the dealers in foreign goods, the hotel-keepers, and other humbler ranks of society to whom the regular shipping and trade of the port meant a living, all suffered in varying degrees. These conditions naturally restricted the buying power of the populace and shook the confidence of merchants.

Piece Goods Trade.

The decreases in the importation of grey shirtings and sheetings and in that of satteens, poplins, and vestments are chiefly noticeable among piece goods. Whether these classes of goods will regain their former popularity if a return is made to normal conditions, or whether they will continue to be replaced, in the first case, by a cheap ready-dyed Japanese textile, or, in the second, by an increased import of native-made fancy cotton cloth, is difficult to prophesy. The worsted and worsted suitings, however, will have to be replaced before next winter.

The local rice harvest has been a good one, and consequently the supplies requisitioned from outside have been below the average. The very considerable decrease in the import of foreign flour has been partly balanced by an increased import of the native-milled article, but prices are high and merchants appear to be wary of buying at present. There have been considerable speculations in foreign sugar, due to the decline in cultivation of the local sugar cane, and large stocks were on hand at the close of the year. The total import of kerosene oil was normal, the majority being of American provenance. The establishment of the Government oil monopoly has been of too late occurrence to affect the figures for 1925, though, if prosecuted, it will have a marked effect on the trade for 1926.

Chinese Goods.

(a) Exports, Abroad and Coasting (Including Re-exports).—With the exception of the period from July to September, when tonnage was insufficient to meet requirements, Chinese exports have maintained a normal aspect throughout the year. China ware

shows a satisfactory increase, due to the successful introduction of new styles by the producers and to a continued good demand abroad. The latter part of the season has been too dry for the phenomenal crops of oranges and persimmons garnered last year to be repeated. The loss of the Hongkong market, during the second half of the year, has been a factor in most cases where decreases are noted. The areas for the cultivation of sugar cane have been and are still being reduced, consequent on the strong competition offered by foreign refined sugar.

(b) Imports.—The excessive importation of bean cake last year has had the effect of reducing considerably the amount requisitioned for the year under review, though such a considerable shortage as 700,000 piculs suggests that tonnage has been too short to allow of an adequate supply coming through. The next year's crops will no doubt show what truth there is in the suggestion. Local merchandise, however, has not suffered.

Since the opening of the year, the public mind has been preoccupied with the one now under review. The opening trade of the year was hampered by heavy military excursions. A following depreciation in value of the big dollar, from which all branches of society suffered considerably, set in motion the scheme for a reformation of the currency. In spite of opposition, this reform was effected in the early summer, and the old Tok Ping note gave place to the "big" clean dollar. The tense situation caused by the strike during the second half of the year had a most unfavourable effect on both commercial and financial transactions, and rates of interest were exceptionally low. Little relief is expected as long as the present political deadlock continues.

Miscellaneous.

Hostilities between Chen Ching-ming's army and the Cantonese forces reopened early in the year. The campaign was not a lengthy one and culminated in the defeat of the first-named troops by the better organized and equipped Cantonese armies. The victors entered Swatow early in March, close on the heels of their opponents, who retreated as best they could towards Kiangsi and Fukien. Three months of comparative quiet followed until the news of the unfortunate shooting affair in Shanghai came through, resulting in the shipping strike and general strike and boycott against British and Japanese residents. Feeling ran high, but the only notable case of attack on property occurred early in July, when two of the principal hotels, whose owners had been in the habit of flying the British and Japanese flags over their establishments, were wrecked by a party of rioters.

From this time on the local labour unions exercised a very strong influence over all spheres of activity in the town and succeeded in enforcing a strict boycott of British and Japanese nationals. By September, however, the preoccupation of other

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campaigns had weakened the hold
of the Cantonese Government on
this district, and Chen Ching-
ming's supporters found them-
selves strong enough to reappear.
The reins of office again changed
hands—hurriedly, it is true, but
without bloodshed. Two months
had not elapsed, however, before
the Commander-in-Chief of the
Cantonese forces, having brought
his campaigns in the south to a
successful conclusion, was able to
turn his attention to the recapture
of Swatow. This he effected early
in November, his foreign-trained
and better-led soldiers proving
more than a match for his adver-
saries.

Motoring More Popular.
There has been little
chance for municipal improve-

ments during the year under re-
view. The scheme formulated and
embarked upon during the pre-
vious year for the widening of the
Kialat Road, though still consid-
ered by the present Government to
be a leading and desirable im-
provement, has not advanced
through lack of funds. A notable
change is to be seen in local
thoroughfares by the increased in-
roduction of bicycles and motor-
cars, and pleasure-riding is becom-
ing ever more popular, despite the
restricted area over which these
vehicles can be used and the im-
perfections of roads and traffic re-
gulations which exist throughout.
It is to be feared that accidents
will be frequent, unless reforma-
tory steps are taken in these latter
matters.